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SUBJECT:TALKING POINTS FOR MEETINGS WITH OHIRA
ON INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT BRIEFING AND TALKING POINTS WHICH
WE PROPOSE TO FORWARD TO ACTING SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT
FOR MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA:

JAPANESE POSITION

JAPANESE HAVE OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED REGRET OVER INDIAN
NUCLEAR TEST BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN AND ARE AGAINST ANY
SUCH TEST BY ANY COUNTRY FOR ANY REASON. THEY NOTE
THAT SUCH TESTS ARE AGAINST WORLD PUBLIC OPINION EVEN IF
INTENDED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

IF OHIRA RAISES THIS QUESTION WE EXPECT HE WILL ADDRESS IT
IN LOW KEY. WHETHER OR NOT HE BRINGS IT UP YOU MAY WISH
TO USE FOLLOWING.

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A. THE US HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION FOR THE ADVERSE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON WORLD STABILITY. THAT REMAINS OUR POSITION. WE FULLY SHARE THE JAPANESE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN THE CABINET STATEMENT.

B. WE WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR PREVIOUS POSITION IN SUPPORT OF RATIFICATION OF THE NPT BY JAPAN, HOPEFULLY BY MAY 1975 WHEN THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET.

C. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. TO THIS END JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF THE NPT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL. RUSH

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